

## Drug agents move to seize Kauai land

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Federal authorities have moved to seize 141 acres in a Kauai agricultural subdivision, alleging that the land was purchased with proceeds from illegal drug transactions.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Florence Nakakuni said a government agent's affidavit laying out the facts in the case was filed under seal in U.S. District Court here.

Drug Enforcement Administration chief Joe Brzustowski said the seizure occurred as the result of a investigation in Seattle by his agency. The property was posted by U.S. marshals and drug enforcement agents last week, pending a court hearing on the government's legal action.

The 141 acres, consisting of five lots in the Kahili Makai subdivision, reportedly were purchased in May 1982 by Glendbay Ltd., a Hong Kong

corporation, for about \$2.4 million.

William Hallick, Glendbay's attorney in San Francisco, said last night there were no drug proceeds involved in that transaction. He declined to identify Glendbay's principals, but said they were known to federal officials and would be moving in court to assert their right to the property.

Glendbay reportedly sold one lot, of 38 acres, in February 1985 for \$1 million to Pan Asia

Development Ltd., a Hawaii corporation owned by businessman Chua Cher Cheow of Singapore and local real estate broker Everett E. Worthington. Worthington could not be reached last night.

Kauai real estate agent A. Larry Wharton, of Beta Pacific Inc., said his firm sold the 141 acres to Glendbay and is owed around \$800,000 on the deal. He said Beta Pacific's mortgage on the 38-acre parcel sold by Glendbay to Pan Asia was paid

off when Pan Asia bought the land.

Seizure of private property is a new strategy designed to hit drug dealers where it hurts, said Lt. Fred De Busca, head of the Kauai police department's vice division.

DeBusca said authorities have seized two residential properties in Kapaa, 11 vehicles, three motorcycles, two freezers and one ice box within the last six months or so.